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SUBJECT: CAP HAITIEN HARBOR CLEARANCE ASSISTANCE

REF: SECSTATE 151953 Z MAY 73

1. REF A ADVISED OF PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF UDT-21
DETACHMENT FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. INITIAL PLANNING DATE
GIVEN TO CINCLANTFLT WAS ON OR ABOUT 4 JUNE AVOIDING
CONFLICT WITH EXISTING OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS.

2. NAVY ADVISES THAT THE MOST ECONOMICAL SCHEDULE OF
OPPORTUNE LIFT SHIPPING FOR TEAM AND LARGE QUANTITY OF
EQUIPMENT AND EXPLOSIVES, WOULD BE IN USS HERMITAGE
(LSD-34) ARRIVING CAP HAITIEN 28 JUNE. HERMITAGE CURRENTLY
IS UNDERGOING OVERHAUL. A 28 JUNE ETA ALLOWS FOR ANY
SLIPPAGE IN COMPLETION OF OVERHAUL, AND FOR ADEQUATE
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PREPARATION, LOADING AND TRANSIT TIME.

3. THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE THE ASSIGNMENT OF A DIFFERENT SHIP EXCLUSIVELY TO DELIVER THE TEAM, WHICH OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE INORDINATELY EXPENSIVE AND WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE NORMAL FLEET OPERATING SCHEDULE. THE EARLIEST ETA CAP HAITIEN EVEN UNDER THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE 10 JUNE.

4. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO INSURE THAT THERE IS NO SLIPPAGE BEYOND 28 JUNE, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE INCONVENIENCE TO GOH IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEAM ACCOMMO-

DATIONS AND OTHER SUPPORT.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY NOTIFY DEPARTMENT EARLIEST SHOULD THERE BE ANY OVERRIDING OBJECTION BY GOH CONCERNING THE 28 JUNE ARRIVAL DATE.

6. PLEASE INFORM GOH THAT FINAL COMPOSITION OF DETACHMENT IS TWO OFFICERS AND SIXTEEN ENLISTED MEN. RUSH

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